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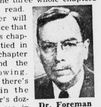
Background Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12 —14.
Devotional Reading: Ephesians 4:4-16.

Gifts of God

Lesson for November 10, 1957

THE tiny patch of Paul's letter printed in most Sunday school quarterlies this week is not nearly enough to give the full idea of what he meant to teach on our subject. For this, the three whole chapters should be read. The reader will please notice that the famous chapter 13 is tied in both to the chapter before and the one following. However, there's enough in the first baker's dozen of verses in chapter 12 to give any one food for thought.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Every Christian Has a Gift

The problem in the Corinthian church, to which these three chapters turn our attention, was the matter of "spiritual gifts." Some of the church members had some rather spectacular gifts like working miracles or speaking with tongues; others were good at administrative jobs, and so on. Everybody with a special gift was inclined to look on his own as a mark of God's favor, something that set him "a cut above" other Christians.

All these people combined to despise the poor ordinary run-of-mine Christian, who in Corinth (as in your own home church) had no special gift at all. Coming out to church once a week, and staying awake, was about all that could be expected of him.

Paul points out, in effect, that every Christian has some gift of the Holy Spirit. Well, what about these church-goers who don't seem to have anything special about them? Paul would be asked. "No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit," Paul says. Now that is the mark of all true Christians, that they accept and confess Jesus as their Lord. Every child, every new member, from the humblest unskilled worker right up to the President of the United States, on entering full church membership is required to acknowledge Jesus as Lord. Now, says Saint Paul, whenever that is said sincerely, there is evidence of the work of the Holy Spirit. You may call this the Grace of Believing, or the Grace of Confession; whatever you call it, it is a gift of the Holy Spirit.

For the Common Good

There are two wrong notions, among others, about gifts of the Holy Spirit, against which Paul sets the simple truth. One of these notions is that gifts of the Holy Spirit are bound to be something sensational, miraculous, spectacular. On the contrary, the truth is that the Spirit's presence is shown by such simple things as confessing Christ as Lord, or teaching, or simply having faith. The other notion is that if I have a spiritual gift, something supernatural, direct from on high, that is a sign of special favor to ME; that the gift is mainly to benefit myself.

On the contrary, Paul points out, "to each is given the manifestation of the Spirit **for the common good.**" (That is the R.S.V. translation of verse 7.) Any gift of the Spirit is like money put into our hands to be used for some good cause; if we keep it, hoard it or use it selfishly, we are bad trustees.

One Spirit, Many Gifts

Why doesn't the coming of the Holy Spirit into people's lives affect them all alike? Why all the variety of gifts that Paul mentions? Well, the reason is not hard to see; all these gifts are needed, in the church and outside. But one thing Paul emphasizes is that there is only one Spirit, and that all spiritual gifts, even the "humblest," are divine gifts. No one has any right to look down on any other Christian, certainly not if the other Christian is using "for the common good" the gift God gave him. A man complained to D. L. Moody, a not too well educated but very successful 19th century evangelist, that his grammar was bad." "Brother," said Moody, "you've got plenty of grammar. What are you doing for the Lord with it?"

No one should read the 12th chapter of I Corinthians without reading straight on into the 13th, which brings all this to a point. No matter what a person's gifts may be,—they can be miraculous as moving mountains,—one and all, if there is no love in the heart **the most gifted Christian is a Zero, no Christian at all. It is love that gives life to all else.**

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FARM NEWS

By J. A. Smith, County Agent

Alabama Study Provides Guide To Costs of Putting Up Silage

A recent study made in four Alabama counties gives livestock farmers of the Southeast their first clear guide to the actual costs of making silage.

Average cost of harvesting, storing and feeding a ton of silage in the study area came to $3.93 where trench silos were used, and $5.18 where upright silos were used. Spoilage was 3.2% greater in the trench silos, however, which in effect would add to the relative cost of this type of silage.

Harvesting costs accounted for about 60% of the total, whether the silage was put into trench or upright silos. This part of the total costs varied not only with type of silo, but with the kind of mechanical equipment used.

Average harvesting costs per ton of silage stored in trenches were: field forage harvester, $2.12; and mower, $2.82. For silage stored in upright structures, average harvest costs were $2.70 for field forage harvesters. The more expensive mowers brought the average up to $3.44 per ton for silage in tower silos.

Feeding from upright silos is cheaper than from trench silos—average 96c per ton compared with $1.23 per ton — but the investment in an upright silo is considerably larger than that in a trench silo. Adding direct annual storage expenses to initial investment, the average storage cost per ton is 27c for trench and 78c for upright silos.

Replacement Ewes for Virginia Flocks Studied At Station

In a recent study aimed at comparing other kinds of western ewes available in quantity with the "northwest blackfaces" for suitability as replacements in Virginia, results have just been released.

The researchers found that from the standpoint of lamb production, Suffolk and Rambouillet ewes from Texas were somewhat superior to the other ewes in the study in earliness of lambing, birth weight, daily gain, slaughter and carcass grades, and dressing percentages of the lamb. They were lowest in fleece weight of the four types of ewes compared.

Hampshire . Rambouillet crossbreds from Montana, although slightly below the average of the Suffolk cross ewes in lamb performance traits, are considered quite satisfactory, and many of them have been shipped into Virginia and adjoining states. They have somewhat heavier fleeces than the Suffolk crosses.

The Whiteface crossbreds were really two types — Lincoln crosses and Columbia or Corriedale crosses. The Lincoln crosses were the less desirable, and are not especially recommendd for Virginia. Thir heavier fleece weights were offset by low quality and a tendency for the wool to become "cotted" or felted. The Columbia or Corriedale crosses are more desirable and approach the Hampshire crosses in lamb performance. The average lambing date of the Whiteface crossbreds was several days later than the other three groups.

Grade Rambouillet ewes are considered somewhat less desirable than the Suffolk, Hampshires or Columbia or Corriedale crossbreds. These were less prolific at younger ages and their lambs had the lowest growth rates, carcass grades, and carcass yield. They sheared excellent fleeces both in quality and in weight, but the presence of wrinkles makes shearing hard for people not accustomed to such sheep. They should be bought only at a price discount below the crossbred types.

There is little to choose among the different types of ewes on proficiency, all four groups averaging slightly more than one lamb weaned per ewe bred . In the study, any loss of ewes or lambs for any cause, accidental or otherwise, was charged against the group. Much more prolific ewes may be selected by keeping back the best ewe lambs in one's own flock.

GOVERNORS

The Governor of the State of New York - Averell Harriman - is the highest paid Governor in the United States, receiving an annual salary of $50,000. Next in line is Gov. Robert B. Meyner, of New Jersey, at $30,000 a year. Five Governors share third place, with annual salaries of $25,000. They are the Governors of California, Illinois, Missouri, Ohio and Pennsylvania. The figures are as of January 1, 1957.

Spout Spring

Spout Spring, Nov. 5.- Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hancock, of Lynchburg; Miss Mabel Harris, Miss Florene Harris, Mrs. Martha Jordan, Mr. Willis Harris, and Lyle, and Mr. and Mrs. Zane Walton, all of Gladstone.

Spout Spring.- Mrs. J. Franklin Vaughan entertained a number of guests in her home on November 2, at 7:30 in the evening during a demonstration hostess party. Those present were Mrs. Nell Walton, Miss' Josephine Walton, Mrs. Julian Franklin, Mrs. Allen Torrence and daughter, Delores, Miss Dolly Lee Ferguson, Mrs. John D. Martin, Mrs. Evelyn Martin, Mrs. George Carson, Mrs. Kenneth Jamerson, Mrs. Hunter Jamerson, Mrs. H. B. Martin, Mrs. Jacob Lewis, Mrs. Robert Gilbert, Miss Katherine Lewis, Mrs. Audrey Millner, Miss Alline Millner, and Mrs. Charlie McCormick. During the evening, numerous games were played and refreshments were served.

Rev. Colin S. Godwin and family have been sick during the past week.

Mrs. David Harvey, Mrs. Mary Ferguson, Mr. John Martin and Mr. Joe Vaughan are also reoovering from illnesses.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Jamerson visited Mr. and Mrs. C. R. McCormick on Saturday.

KNOW THE WEATHER

By E. H. Sims

Are animals sometimes sensitive to weather changes? Can they sense changes about to occur in the weather?

Some animals can detect signs of changing weather before the average human is aware that clues are about. Close observation over a period of time will reveal the behavior pattern of certain animals to a remarkable degree and, watched closely, they will often tip their owners on approaching rain or storm.

In Mexico City recently zoo keepers and animal and pet owners swamped veterinarians' offices for almost twenty-four hours before the earthquake occurred. This was not a weather clue, but showed how keen the senses of animals are.

They probably felt the first minute rumblings of the disturbance beneath the earth's surface before humans noticed the omnious warning.

4-H CLUB MEETING

The second meeting of Mrs. Thelma Martin's 4-H Club was held Oct. 8. The following officers were elected:

President, Corinne Abbitt; Vice-president, Kenneth Wilkins; Secretary, Kayretha Ford; Reporter, Scottie Morris; Song Leaders, Betty Anderson and Carolyn Gaines.

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HALLOWEEN PARTY AT EVERGREEN

The P.-T. A. sponsored a Halloween Carnival Thursday night at the Evergreen school. Contests, fishing pond and bobbing were some of the games. About 35 pounds of delicious candy were sold. Jerry Almond, a first grade pupil, received the prize for the best costume. Pupils had been asked in school to play the part of citizens, and not a scratch on the building. Everyone had a good time on the occasion. A box supper was realized for the P.-T. A. treasury.

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on Started Education Week

observance of American Education Week will take place throughout the nation, November 3-10. Thousands of schools everywhere will stage a parade of parents interested in the accomplishments of our Public Education-al system.

Surprisingly few may be aware that American Education Week originated with the American Legion and may be referred to as its cradle days. The founders of The American Legion were wise and far-sighted men. They appreciated the value of an education. Some soldiers in World War I could not write and had to mark crosses on the company payrolls. The founders of The American Legion knew that the preservation of our cherished American Freedoms and Rights depended upon an alert citizenry and that this alertness was in direct ratio to the schooling and education of the citizen. Free people must be able to think for themselves and be articulate.

At the same time, the early post-war depression brought the schools of American many serious problems. Lack of funds became so acute in many areas that classrooms were shut down and teachers were not paid. Many American Legion Posts led community campaigns to raise money to keep their local schools going.

The leadership of The American Legion felt the need for a dramatic focusing of public attention upon the needs, problems, and accomplishments of American schools. So back in 1921, they initiated the idea of a week set aside once a year for getting all the people acquainted with their schools.

The American Legion found a ready co-sponsor for its project in The National Education Association. For many years, The American Legion and the NEA sponsored observance of the week together. Later they were joined by The Congress of Parents and Teachers, and the U. S. Office of Education.

Under this quadruple sponsorship, American Education Week has become a great institution featured by community programs throughout the land.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

(Editor's note: Here are the questions asked most frequently by Virginia farmers during the past week, as reported by county agricultural agents. Answers are supplied by staff members of the VPI Agricultural Extension Service and/or Experiment Station).

Q. What is the cost of producing a ton of alfalfa?

A. If you follow fertilizer recommendations, and have a yield of around 3 tons per acre, the production cost per ton should be around $20 to $22. This will vary, of course. The higher the yield, the lower the cost of production.

Q. How can I control weeds in tobacco plant beds?

A. The new drenches (Beddrench, Vapon, Bacco Bed Drench) are effective and have many advantages. Apply them in the fall. Also still recommended are fall applications of calcium cyanimid. Another material, methyl bromide, will give satisfactory results if applied in the spring.

Q. What is the most effective material to use to control smut in small grains?

A. Several seed treatment chemicals are effective, including Ceresan M, M2X, Panogen, or Mema. Use according to the directions of the manufacturer.

Q. What precautions should I take in grazing alfalfa at this time of year?

A. Be careful about grazing new growth that comes during warm periods in the fall, or you may run into bloat problems. It's also a good idea to wait two or three days after alfalfa has been frosted before grazing it. Any frozen forage may cause toxicity in individual animals. From the standpoint of alfalfa production, it is better to graze only after growth has stopped, leaving some growth or a mulch for protection of the crowns.

Q. Where can we send silage from sorghum that was cut after frost to be tested for prussic acid?

A. To the Department of Biochemistry and Nutrition, at VPI, Blacksburg. Submit a 1-2 to 1 pint sample. Use a sealed glass or tin container. Take the sample at least 6 inches below the exposed surface of the silage and at least 6 inches from the wall of the silo. Combine samples from 3 to 5 different areas in the silo, but do not let the silage air out. Seal the sample immediately, and mail.

American Education Week will b observed the week of Nov. 10-16.

FLAG FOR BABY

Fort Campbell, Ky.- A tiny blue sweater was recently seen on the flag pole under a one-star general's flag at this Army base. The emblems signaled the birth of a fifth son to Brig. Gen. Reuben H. Tucker, assistant commander of the 101st Airborne Division.

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